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The 2005 Line Officers (from left) are Chief Brian Rudy, Assistant Chief Jason Morgal, Deputy Chief Tommy Holland, Captain Chris Ransom, Lieutenant John Daffron, Lieutenant Kristie Krob, Lieutenant Sean Leahy and Captain Matt Palmerton.

GVFD Celebrates 51 Years Of Service at Annual Banquet

by Carol Griffith

Jeremiah Voigt's Firefighter of the Year award was just one of the many honors celebrated at the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department's (GVFD) annual banquet held on March 11 in the hall of the department. In attendance were Mayor Judith Davis and several members of council, County Councilmember Douglas J.J. Peters and representatives from other fire departments including Berwyn Heights, Branchville and Beltsville.

Following the invocation and a catered dinner, Vice President Jay Remenick introduced the guests. A representative from the office of County Executive Jack Johnson delivered a proclamation which congratulated the GVFD for its dedication in completing 51 years of public safety. Davis administered the oath of office to

the seven 2006 trustees and three 2006 line officers – Fire Chief Brian T. Rudy, Assistant Fire Chief Jason Morgal and Deputy Fire Chief Robert Holland.

Noting his "outstanding dedication and motivation," Chief Rudy presented the large Firefighter of the Year trophy to Jeremiah Voigt. Rudy stated that Voigt, whose father is also a GVFD firefighter recognized for his service, has spearheaded many projects this year. One project he completed was refurbishing the large map of Prince George's County used for the important task of providing directions for the GVFD vehicles. Voigt and fellow firefighter Marcus Paxton were also promoted to the rank of sergeant during the ceremony.

The 15 members who ran the most calls in 2005 in the cat-

egories of live-in, live-out and married were recognized. They are Rajah Rose, Jeremiah Voigt, Robert Tripe, Donald Fleshman (who is also the president of GVFD for 2006), James Silcox, Christopher Ransom, Anthony Sluder, Thomas Ray, T.J. Hill, Marcus Paxton, John Voigt, John Krob, Kristie Krob, Randall Mangum and Luis Arias.

Vernon Iseli received the 2005 Fire Chief's Award, although he was not present at the banquet. In addition to being a life member, meaning he has at least 15 years of service and has been recommended by a committee, Iseli has fashioned custom-made metal containers designed to fit on the fire trucks to hold gear. He has also created metal emblems for the front of each chief vehicle.

New Election Procedures Discussed at LWV Meeting

by Barbara Likowski

Several election law changes designed to encourage greater participation in voting were presented in a League of Women Voters (LWV) sponsored meeting on Saturday, April 22 at the Community Center. Greenbelt's delegation – State Senator Paul Pinsky and Delegates Anne Healey, Tawanna Gaines and Justin Ross – was at the speakers' table along with Robin Downs Colbert, chief administrator of the Prince George's County Board of Elections.

The delegation informed those present of changes made for the 2006 election by the Maryland Assembly and answered questions from the audience. The primary election will be held Tuesday, September 12. These changes were made to encourage more citizens to come out and vote.

"Whatever brings the voters out . . ." added Ross.

The last city election brought out under 20 percent of registered voters in Greenbelt.

Early Voting

The polls will be open five days before the primary, September 5 through 9 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., throughout the state. In Prince George's County there will be three locations, one in Hyattsville, one in Upper Marlboro and one other.

Anyone can now ask for and receive an absentee ballot without having to give a reason for it. Provisional ballots may be counted regardless of the precinct where they are cast.

Registration can be done by See **ELECTION**, page 6

What Goes On

Saturday, April 29

9 a.m. to noon, Electronics Recycling, Public Works Yard
Monday, May 1

8 p.m., Budget Worksession with FOP, Municipal Building (Live on Channel 71)
Tuesday, May 2

7 to 9 p.m., Greenbelt Safety Committee Forum, Community Center
Wednesday, May 3

7:30 p.m., Budget Worksession with Recreation Dept., Community Center
Saturday, May 6

10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Annual Pet Expo, Community Center
2 to 6 p.m., Cinco de Mayo/Celebration of Spring, Springhill Lake Recreation Center

Sunday, May 7
1 to 5 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center

Mitigation Site Approved For Capitol Cadillac

by Barbara Hopkins

An ordinance and a resolution concerning the city's admissions and amusement (A&A) tax and approval of a forest mitigation site to replace woodland to be destroyed by the expansion of Capitol Cadillac were among the agenda items considered by the Greenbelt City Council when it met on April 24. There was also time set aside for a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2007 budget.

Greenbelt parkland will become even greener in the future when a 1.72-acre area of Parcel 15 near "Buddy" Attick Park is reforested as a mitigation site required as a condition for approval in 2005 of an expansion project by Capitol Cadillac. Celia Craze, chief of the city's planning and development department, told council Parcel 15 is the last site within city limits that complies with mitigation site criteria set by the county.

Craze said City Horticulturist Bill Phelan suggested "knitting" the open site into adjacent existing woodlands using native upland tree species including white oak, hickory and black gum.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts had concerns that reforestation

the site would mean there would be no space available in that area for a playground, which is needed by residents of the Belle Point and Charlestowne Village complexes. Craze said the site is flat at the end nearest the subdivisions but then slopes downhill, away from Belle Point. She suggested moving the mitigation site further downhill, leaving space for a playground on the flat area. Council then approved the mitigation site, with this amendment.

Resolutions Adopted

In the future Greenbelt's A&A tax will be determined by resolution instead of by city code. Council adopted, by unanimous vote, an ordinance amending the city code to allow the change.

The ordinance was drafted in order to enable a temporary reduction of the A&A tax as a means of helping the management of Beltway Plaza keep open the remaining eight theaters there that would have closed had Quantum Management not stepped in to purchase and remodel them, as previously reported in the News Review. Without the ordinance, the city code would have to be

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Future of Schools Is Chief Topic of Peters' Meeting

by David Higgins

Douglas J.J. Peters, 4th District representative on the Prince George's County Council, thanked Greenbelt leaders for working toward a massive redevelopment of the Greenbelt Metro Station at a town hall meeting on Thursday, April 20. He emphasized the importance of improving public mass transportation and of planning development accordingly.

"Greenbelt will have the premier Metro station in Prince George's County once construction begins," Peters told a small crowd comprised mostly of community leaders. His 4th district constituency includes about 90,000 residents from Bowie, Glenn Dale and Greenbelt, among others.

Peters held the meeting to highlight the past year's accomplishments and advancements, though much discussion focused on the continually divisive issue of where and if to construct a new Greenbelt Middle School and Springhill Lake Elementary School.

An expansion of public schools will be needed soon as the Greenbelt City Council and Prince George's County recently approved a proposal by AIMCO, the owners of Springhill Lake Apartments, to expand the complex from 2,800 to 5,600 units. However, council has struggled

with AIMCO for nearly two years to reach an agreement to expand the schools.

AIMCO wants to demolish Springhill Lake Elementary, saying its low elevation would make a prime location for the artificial stormwater retention ponds the company wants to install in the complex. It would be replaced by another school, perhaps on the school bus site.

Many in the audience expressed opposition to that plan, arguing that Springhill Lake's location saves money on transportation costs since nearly every student walks to school. It would cost around \$15 million just to build a new school bus parking lot.

Peters said he told AIMCO that if they want to demolish the elementary school, they must pay for another 15 acres of land at the location of the new school. He said the developers gladly agreed to his demand.

However, the issue of where to find such a large area in Greenbelt remains uncertain. At any rate, Peters would like to see officials reach an agreement with AIMCO soon. He said that an agreement would generate \$4 million in advance from public safety surcharge fees. He said

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Letters

It's a Microburst

The article "Tornado Touches Down . . ." in the April 20 issue of the News Review (p.12) appears to describe a microburst.

The description from the on-line website encyclopedia wikipedia.org states "A microburst is a very localized column of sinking air, producing damaging divergent and straight-line winds at the surface that are similar to but distinguishable from tornadoes which generally have convergent damage."

"The term was defined . . . as affecting an area 4 km (2.5 mi) in diameter or less . . ."

"Microbursts are recognized as capable of generating wind speeds higher than . . . 168 mph."

A microburst was cited as a primary factor in causing the crash of Delta flight 191 in 1985 as it approached for landing at the Dallas-Fort Worth airport.

Alexander Barnes

Indian Creek Clean Up

Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek (CCRIC) is sponsoring a creek cleanup day on Saturday, April 29 from 9 to noon. The clean up location this year will be Indian Creek located near the Metro on state property that has been annexed by the city.

The group will meet at the eastern dead end of Kennesaw in College Park and advance from there to the Greenbelt Metro/Indian Creek area. Due to problems with clean up parking at Metro, helpers must enter through the Hollywood side of the property. Call Pat Blankenship at 301-474-4875 for more details and to carpool.

CCRIC's stated goal is to "protect the wilderness treasure in our back yard – for our children, our neighbors downstream and the animals." The group describes the property just inside the Beltway as a unique remnant of the once extensive flood plain called the Hollywood Swamp, still existing under thick forest cover.

Volunteers should dress to get dirty. Bring rubber boots, shovels and waders, if possible. Work gloves and trash bags will be provided. Those with limitations can help distribute supplies.

The CCRIC annual meeting will be held on May 21 at 2 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center. For more information about the organization, call Blankenship or visit the group's website at www.greenbelt.com/civic/CCRIC.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF APRIL 28

TRANSAMERICA (R)

Friday

*5:15, 7:30, 9:40

Saturday

*3:00, *5:15, 7:30, 9:40

Sunday

*3:00, *5:15, 7:30

Monday – Thursday

*5:15, 7:30

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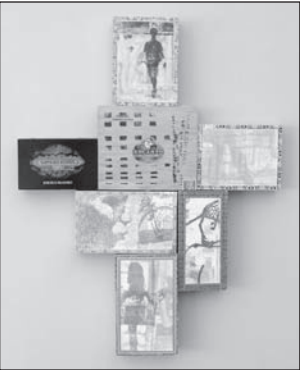
May's Artful Afternoon Offers A Variety of Artful Activities

May's Artful Afternoon will feature two Philips; one a choral director, the other the artist whose works are on display in the gallery at the Community Center on Sunday, May 7 from 1 to 5 p.m.

From 1 to 3 p.m. Artist-in-residence Loraine DiPietro will lead a free rainstick-making activity where participants may make a rainstick to take home. Rainsticks are musical and ceremonial instruments used from ancient times to present day. Their name describes the soothing rain-like sound that these instruments produce. All materials will be supplied; all ages are welcome.

At 3 p.m. join the College Park Youth Choir for a selection of vocalizations from an assemblage of talent nearly 30 strong, under the direction of Dr. Philip Silvey, assistant professor of choral music education at the University of Maryland. The choir, comprised of children ages seven to 15, gives local performances and has won honors in regional singing competitions.

The choir will sing a range of pieces, including songs from the Renaissance period ("Come Follow" by John Hilton), Baroque period ("Bist du bei mir" by J. S. Bach), a setting of "Ave Maria" by Simon Lindley, a piece called "Fairest Lady" by Nick Page that is a riff on "London Bridge" and a spiritual entitled "Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit."



from a month in Cuba. Hartigan's prints embody a contemplation of displacement, rootlessness, cultural disorientation and their effects on the personality.

Art Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 9:45 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. on Sundays, assuming the room is not reserved. (To confirm access call 301-397-2208.)

Other Events

Artful Afternoon participants can also visit working artist studios, enjoy community sculpture displays created at previous Artful Afternoons, see the "Living the Healthy Life" exhibit by the Greenbelt Museum and take a guided tour of the historic home at 10-B Crescent Road.

These events are held the first Sunday of every month from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. Artful Afternoons are fun for families and people of all ages and a great introduction to programs and classes available through the Greenbelt Recreation Department. For more information visit www.greenbeltnmd.gov/ARTS or call Barbara Davis at 240-542-2062.

On Screen

"Transamerica" Bends Genders

The new film at Old Greenbelt Theatre as of Friday, April 28 takes a trip across shifting gender borders as well as by car from New York to L.A. Keying "Transamerica" are father-mother Bree (Felicity Huffman) and troubled teen Toby (Kevin Zegers). Writer-director Duncan Tucker's first feature film turns many family concerns inside out in a decidedly different on-the-road, on-the-goat story. R, 103 minutes.

– Eli Flam

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

Community Events

Monday Is Trivia Night at New Deal

Trivia Game Night will be held at the New Deal Café on Monday, May 1 from 6 to 9 p.m. Game nights are held on the first Monday of each month.

Participants will play “Wits & Wagers,” a game created by Greenbelt’s local gamemakers. Players can win without answering any questions correctly and can experience a Vegas-style casino game by betting on answers provided by other teams. There are prizes for the winning teams. There is no fee to play; food and drink specials are available for purchase.

For details contact 301-313-0448 or trivia@northstargames.com.

Classics Displayed At Capitol Cadillac

Antique and classic Cadillacs will be on display at the annual spring Cadillac LaSalle Show being held at Capitol Cadillac Company, 6500 Capitol Drive, on Sunday, April 30. The show begins at 9 a.m. and awards will be presented at 3 p.m. Approximately 80 cars will be on display both inside and out, rain or shine. Admission is free. For additional information and details, call Henry Ruby, show coordinator at 301-894-8026.

Come and Discuss Safety in Greenbelt

A public forum on safety will be hosted by the Greenbelt Public Safety Advisory Committee on Tuesday, May 2, 7 to 9 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center Multipurpose Room.

People are invited to come and express their concerns, ideas and questions concerning public safety issues in Greenbelt.

There will be a briefing about the Greenbelt Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) team. Volunteers are still being accepted.

The results of this public forum will be forwarded to the city council. Safety is everyone’s concern.

Labor Day Festival Comm. to Meet

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee will hold its first meeting on Thursday, May 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Senior Classroom at the Community Center. Planning for this year’s festival is well underway and volunteers are still needed to assist with all aspects of the three-day event. Anyone interested in volunteering or becoming a member of the committee should come to the meeting on May 4 or call Patti Brothers at 301-910-0050.

At the Library

Tuesday, May 2, 10:30 a.m. – Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, May 3, 10:30 a.m. and again at 11 a.m. – Toddler-time for ages 19 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 20 children.

Thursday, May 4, 10:30 a.m. – Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years, limit 15 children.

Love to Gamble? Here’s a Chance

The Greenbriar Community Association is seeking 54 individuals to participate in a bus trip to Caesar’s Casino in Atlantic City, N.J. Metro Bus Tours and Travel will provide a deluxe motor coach to depart from Greenbriar Community Building parking lot at 7 a.m. sharp on Saturday, May 13 and return at approximately 8:30 p.m. the same day.

The bus trip to the casino will be entertaining in itself, featuring movies, a light breakfast, door prizes and a raffle.

There is a fee and a casino bonus (see ad on this page). To reserve a seat bring payment (no cash) to the Greenbriar management office very soon. Tickets are non-refundable and may not be reserved over the phone.

For information call Tiffané Rose at 301-441-1096 ext. 11.

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Synagogue Holds 3rd Jewelry Sale

The third annual Mishkan Torah vintage costume jewelry sale will be held on Sunday, May 7 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Mishkan Torah, 10 Ridge Road.

This sale started three years ago and became so enjoyable that it has become an annual event. This year the scope of the sale has been slightly increased to include new handbags, scarves and fragrances, along with some craft supplies. There will also be a jewelry repair station for minor repairs.

For more information call the Mishkan Torah office at 301-474-4223 during posted office hours.

Hockey Proceeds Benefit Gaughans

The FOP 89ers Hockey Team has been invited to play in a game on Saturday, April 29 at 6 p.m. with the Howard County HEAT Police and Fire Ice Hockey Team. All proceeds from the hockey game will be going to Sgt. Steven Gaughan’s family. The game will be played at Columbia Ice Rink, 5876 Thunder Hill Road in Columbia. (Call 410-730-0321 for directions.)

GHI Notes

Upcoming Meetings and Events (held in the board room unless otherwise noted):

Saturday, April 29, 9 a.m. to noon, Community Yard Sale, Hamilton Place.

Tuesday, May 2, 7 p.m., Member and Community Relations Committee meeting.

Thursday, May 4, 7p.m., Finance Committee meeting.

Saturday, May 6, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase orientation, followed by Community Open House from 1 to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, May 9, 7 p.m., Sustainable Design and Practices Committee meeting.

Wednesday, May 10, 7 p.m., Woodlands Committee Meeting in the Lunch Room; 7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee meeting in the GHI Library; 7:30 Architecture and Environment Committee meeting in the board room.

Thursday, May 11, 7 p.m., Board of Directors meeting.

Free Senior Movie At Beltway Plaza

“Flightplan,” a film starring Jodie Foster, will be shown free to seniors at Beltway Plaza’s Academy 8 Theaters Monday, May 1 at 9:30 a.m. In the 98-minute film (2005), rated PG-13, the child of a bereaved woman flying home from Berlin to the U.S. disappears – and nobody will acknowledge she was ever on board. Upcoming in the new monthly program for the first Monday of the month at 9:30 a.m. are “Capote” on June 5 and “Pride & Prejudice” on July 3.

Local Greens to Hold Nominating Vote

On Monday, May 15 at 7:30 p.m., the Greenbelt Greens will hold a special meeting in the Community Meeting Room at the Greenbelt police station on Ridge Road. Green voters will participate in nominating Green candidates for public offices up for statewide election in 2006 (governor/lt. gov.; attorney general; comptroller; U.S. Senate).

Each Green local chapter in Maryland, including the Greenbelt Greens, is conducting voting prior to the Maryland Green Party Assembly on June 3 in Towson. Official ballots will be used for casting votes at the May 15 meeting in Greenbelt, all votes cast around the state will be tabulated at the Green Party Assembly on June 3. To vote in person Greens should attend the meeting on May 15. Anyone seeking more information, including any Green voter wishing to vote by absentee ballot on any statewide nomination, should call Bob Auerbach at 202-722-4303.

Also on the agenda for the May 15 meeting are: (1) organizing the 2006 Green Party party renewal petition drive in Prince George’s County; and (2) recruiting Green candidates for other offices in 2006 (U.S. House of Representatives, Maryland Senate, Maryland House of Delegates and County Council).

Refreshments will be served. All are welcome to attend though participation in the voting process is for officially registered Greens or persons unable to register to vote who are recognized as Greens.

Genealogical Society To Meet at Library

The Prince George’s County Genealogical Society (PGCGS) will meet on Wednesday, May 3 at 7 p.m. in the Greenbelt library lower level. Patty Shawker will present “Post Office Records.” Check www.rootsweb.com/~mdpgcgs for additional PGCGS information.

The society meets the first Wednesday of each month, except for January, July and August in the library and all meetings feature a free genealogy-related presentation. All are welcome.

GEAC to Meet

The Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC) will meet in the Windsor Green Community Building on Thursday, May 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Greenbelt Baseball

Major League Schedule		
Date	Time	Games
Mon., May 1	6:00 p.m.	Cubs vs. Athletics
Tues., May 2	6:00 p.m.	Cardinals vs. Orioles
Wed., May 3	6:00 p.m.	Indians vs. Tigers
Thur., May 4	6:00 p.m.	Giants vs. Lions
Fri., May 5	6:00 p.m.	Athletics vs. Orioles
Fri., May 5	7:00 p.m.*	Indians vs. Cubs
Sat., May 6	10:00 a.m.	Lions vs. Cardinals
Sat., May 6	1:00 p.m.	Giants vs. Tigers

Major League Standings as of Tuesday 4/25/06			
American League	W-L	National League	W-L
Orioles	5 - 0	Indians	3 - 1
Athletics	3 - 1	Cubs	1 - 2
Giants	2 - 2	Lions	1 - 4
Tigers	1 - 1	Cardinals	0 - 5

All games are played at McDonald Field unless noted.
*These games will be played at Braden #2.

GIVE BLOOD, GIVE LIFE

Friday, April 28, Noon to 6 p.m., Community Center

USED BOOK SALE

Sat 4/29, 10am-4pm
Mon 5/1, 3-7pm
Library lower level

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THE SECOND GREEN MAN FESTIVAL IN GREENBELT

MAY 1, 2005
“The Nature of Green Man II”
Roosevelt Center
Exhibit: May 1-May 27
9am-7pm
Reception: Sunday May 7
7pm-9pm at
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Obituaries

Ralph Barnes

Ralph Barnes, 73 Court Ridge Road, died at Holy Cross Hospital of complications of congestive heart failure on Wednesday, April 12, 2006. He was 63.

He was born in Washington, D.C., and graduated from Anacostia High School and attended college at the University of Kentucky.

Mr. Barnes was an active member of Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church and held many offices there. He was an avid reader, reading the entire Bible three times. He was a member of the Gideon organization. He is survived by his wife Kitty of the home, four stepchildren, six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, a sister and a nephew.

Services were held at Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church on Tuesday, April 18, followed by burial at Fort Lincoln Cemetery.



Fellowship with us at
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Barbara W. and
Jacob B. ten Hove,
co-ministers

Baha'i Faith
"The holy Manifestations of
God were sent down to make
visible the oneness of human-
ity. For this did They endure
unnumbered tribulations."
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SUNDAY MASS, 10:00 AM
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
SERVE BREAKFAST
AT S.O.M.E.
Sunday, April 30
Meet at St. Hugh's School
Parking Lot, 6:00 AM



PHOTO BY TOM CARTER

A tower unit from Beltsville Fire Department that was on the scene of a small fire in Greenway Center was dispatched to a house fire in Berwyn Heights. As it left the shopping center it flipped over on Greenbelt Road. All four firefighters on the truck were taken to the hospital for a checkup by an ambulance from Glenn Dale. The fire at Greenway Center was very small with only minor damage. The fire in Berwyn Heights was described as a fire in a bedroom and it was brought under control by units originally dispatched and other units that replaced the ones diverted to the accident.

Prayer Beads Theme at Spark of Spirit

On April 30 Spark of Spirit in College Park will offer a workshop, book signing and day-long trunk show on the theme of prayer beads. Eleanor Wiley, bead artist and author of "A String and a Prayer: Creating and Using Contemporary Prayer Beads" and soon-to-be-released "There are No Mistakes," will sign her book from 4 to 5 p.m. after conducting an interactive workshop from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. on creating one's own string of prayer beads.

Wiley has been creating contemporary prayer beads since 1994 and has exhibited her beads nationally and internationally. The workshop takes the ancient tradition of prayer beads as a tactile support for practice and counters of prayer to a personal, contemporary plane that can be used by people of all ages, faiths and cultures. There is a fee and reservations are advised. To learn more call 301-345-1486 or visit www.sparkofspirit.com.

ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH
135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-474-4322



Mass Schedule:
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Pastor: Fr. Walter J. Tappe
Pastoral Associate: Fr. R. Scott Hurd

Greenbelt Community Church
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Hillside & Crescent Roads
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings
www.greenbelt.com/gccucc/
Sunday Worship
10:15 a.m.
Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

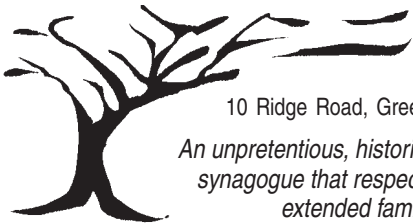
"A church of the open mind, the warm heart,
the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."

St. George's Episcopal/
Anglican Church

7010 Glenn Dale Road
(Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)
301-262-3285 | rector@stgeo.org | www.stgeo.org

Sundays: 8:00 am Simple, quiet Mass
9:00 am Christian education for all ages
10:00 am Sung Mass with organ and folk music, ASL interpreted
1:30 pm Signed Mass (last Sunday of each month only)
Wednesdays: 7:00 pm Simple, quiet Mass

An inclusive congregation!



Congregation
Mishkan Torah

10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-474-4223

An unpretentious, historic, welcoming, liberal, egalitarian
synagogue that respects tradition and becomes your
extended family in the 21st century.

Shabbat services: Friday evening at 8:00 PM, except 1st Friday of the month, i.e. family service at 7:30 PM. Saturday morning services at 9:30 AM. Educational programs for children K-12 and for adults. Combined innovative full family educational program for parents and children. Conversion classes. Concert choir. Social Action program. Opportunity for leadership development. Moderate, flexible dues. High holiday seating for visitors. Sisterhood. Men's Club. Other Social Activities. Interfaith families are welcome.

Historic synagogue dually affiliated with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism
and the Jewish Reconstructionist Federation

U8 Raiders Soccer
Team Wins Again

by Coach John Pedersoli

The Greenbelt U8 girls soccer team won their second game of the season with a 1-0 victory over Beltsville on Saturday, April 22. The game's lone goal was scored by Emma Grier – also Emma's first goal ever! Elaina Perry was outstanding as goalie and denied all Beltsville attempts. Assisting with the defensive shutout were Barbara Turnbull and Sophie Bernheisel while Anina Commings, Jasmine Gogins and Sarah McCarthy provided the offense.

Greenbelt will close out their season this Saturday against Upper Marlboro at Northway Field.



Our Neighbors

Congratulations and thanks to Dale Shama for his leadership and volunteerism in the Greenbelt Road Crime Coalition. Nominated by Delegate Justin Ross, Shama was presented a Governor's Volunteer Service Award at a recent reception in Annapolis.

Army Reserve Pvt. Pavlova Y. Hernandez has graduated from the Automated Logistical Specialist Advanced Individual Training (AIT) course at the U.S. Army Quartermaster Center and School, Fort Lee, Petersburg, Va. Hernandez, a 2001 graduate of Northwestern High School, is the daughter of Miriam D. Hernandez of Edmonston Court.

Congratulations to Chad Cooley of Bozzuto Management Company who was recently presented a distinguished service award from Property Management Association.

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410

Rev. Dr. Paul C. Kim, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Service 11:00 am

Prayer Meeting Wed. 6:45 pm

Crossways Bible Study Tues. 7:30 pm Thurs. 10:30 am

Handicapped Accessible Come As You Are!



HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
6905 Greenbelt Road • 301-345-5111

Sunday 8:00am
9:15am
10:30am

Worship Service
Sunday School/Bible Study
Worship Service



Fax 301-220-0694 • E-mail myholycross@verizon.net

GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

Corner of Crescent and Greenhill Roads 301-474-4212

www.greenbeltbaptist.org greenbelt.baptist@verizon.net

Dr. Mark Johnson, Pastor



Sunday School: 9:30 am
Worship Service: 10:45 am

Weds. Worship: 7:00 pm
(Adult Bible Study/Prayer & Children's Ministry)

Helping People Connect with Christ and His Family through Loving Service



Pack a picnic basket and join us for wholesome family movies on the lawn at Greenbelt Baptist Church. We will kick off the season with "The Chronicles of Narnia" on April 21st at 7:00 PM. In the event of rain we will show the movies in the Sanctuary (with projection also in the Fellowship Hall for those consuming food). We plan on showing movies every Friday Night through September 15th. Each movie night is sponsored

by one of the ministries in our Church. Here's the schedule for through the end of May, so mark your calendars and invite a neighbor or friend to join us for some wholesome Friday evening fun!

04/21	All Ministries	The Chronicles of Narnia
04/28	Men's Ministry	The Never-ending Story
05/05	Streetworks Ministry	The Sound of Music
05/12	Women's Ministry	Dreamer
05/19	Youth Ministry	It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World
05/26	Men's Ministry	Angels in the Outfield

Did
you
know?

Muslims pray an obligatory
ritual prayer (salat) five times
everyday.

In the midst of our busy and hectic schedules, it is just a reminder that there is a higher authority watching; which helps us stay on the track, a reminder that there is always the loving and caring God to fall back on whenever we feel down. It is a spiritual journey to meet the Lord and a comfort that brings peace into each individual's heart. Apart from this, of course a Muslim can call on his Creator anytime, for God is the closest to him and is always there to answer his call.

To find out more about Islam, call 301-982-9463 or e-mail us at info@searchislam.org or visit the website www.searchislam.org.



Help Support
the Family of
Sgt. Steven Gaughan
Ice Hockey Game

Saturday, April 29
6 p.m.
FOP 89ers
vs. Howard Co. HEAT
Columbia Ice Rink
5876 Thunder Hill Road

BUY YOUR
TICKETS NOW
Tickets \$10 in advance
(Call Kenny Watson
240-375-8652)
\$12 at the game
T-shirts \$13

Proceeds to benefit
Gaughan Family

Academy 8
Theatres

Beltway Plaza Mall
Center Court
301-220-1155

All shows starting before 6 p.m.
Are ONLY \$5.00
R = ID Required
(!) = No pass, No Discount Ticket

Week of April 28

FRI. & SAT.

Akeelah and the Bee (!) PG
1, 4:30, 7:30, 10:10
RV (!) PG
1:20, 4:50, 7:35, 10:15
United 93 (!) R
1:45, 4:20, 7:15, 10:20
The Sentinel (!) PG13
2, 4:45, 7:25, 10
Silent Hill (!) R
1:30, 5, 7:50, 10:25
The Wild G
1, 3:10, 5:15, 7:20
Scary Movie 4 (!) PG13
1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8, 10:30
Take the Lead PG13
9:45
Ice Age 2 PG
1:10, 3:15, 5:20, 7:30, 9:50

SUNDAY

Akeelah and the Bee (!) PG
1, 4:30, 7:30
RV (!) PG
1:20, 4:50, 7:35
United 93 (!) R
1:45, 4:20, 7:15
The Sentinel (!) PG13
2, 4:45, 7:25
Silent Hill (!) R
1:30, 5, 7:50
The Wild G
1, 3:10, 5:15, 7:20
Scary Movie 4 (!) PG13
1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8
Ice Age 2 PG
1:10, 3:15, 5:20, 7:30

Special Senior Movie
Monday 9:30 a.m. Free
Flight Plan PG13

MON.- THURS.

Akeelah and the Bee (!) PG
4:35, 7:40
RV (!) PG
4:50, 7:45
United 93 (!) R
4:30, 7:15
The Sentinel (!) PG13
4:45, 7:25
Silent Hill (!) R
5, 7:50
The Wild G
5:15, 7:20
Scary Movie 4 (!) PG13
5:45, 8
Ice Age 2 PG
5:20, 7:30

City Information

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES
Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.
Vacancies exist on the:
Arts Advisory Board
Park and Recreation Advisory Board
Youth Advisory Committee (adult member)
For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

MEETINGS FOR MAY 1-5

- **Monday, May 1, 8:00pm, Budget Work Session with FOP, Municipal Building (live on Channel 71)**
- **Wednesday, May 3rd, 7:30pm, Budget Work Session with Recreation, Community Center.**

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call the number listed above, or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov.

**GREENBELT AQUATIC & FITNESS
CENTER SPRING MINI-SESSION
ADULT CLASSES ONLY
MAY 8 – JUNE 2**
Passholders and Residents register April 24 & 25
Open registration from April 26 until classes are filled. Register in person at 101 Centerway.
Info: 301-474-2204 or www.greenbeltmd.gov

Greenbelt Public Safety Advisory Committee

**PUBLIC FORUM
MAY 2, 2006
7:00pm-9:00pm**

**GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER
Multi-purpose Room**

Come express your concerns, ideas and ask questions pertaining to public safety issues in Greenbelt to the Public Safety Advisory Committee.

There will also be a briefing about the Greenbelt CERT Team. Volunteers are still being accepted!

The results of this public forum will be forwarded to the Greenbelt City Council

SAFETY IS EVERYONE’S CONCERN

City of Greenbelt Department of Recreation
25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 (301-397-2200)

Celebration
of Spring

Saturday, May 6th, 2pm-6pm

Springhill Lake Recreation Center
6101 Cherrywood Lane, Greenbelt, MD 20770

FREE FEATURES:

Moonbounces
Obstacle Courses
Greenbelt’s D.A.R.E. Car
Make and Take Art Projects
Dance Lessons by Frank Solomon
Music by The Cosine Band
The Jeoper’s Mascot
Face Painting
AND MUCH MORE!

Questions?

Call the Greenbelt
Recreation Business Office
@ 301-397-2200!
In case of rain, call 301-474-5525

Foods Available for a
Nominal Fee:

Chicken and Bean Burritos
Hot Dogs
Cotton Candy
Chips
Drinks
AND MUCH MORE

**FOR INFORMATION ON CITY
GOVERNMENT, SERVICES AND EVENTS,
VISIT WWW.GREENBELTMD.GOV**

ELECTRONICS
RECYCLING

SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH
9:00 a.m.-12: 00 p.m.
Public Works Yard
555 Crescent Road.

City residents, businesses and organizations can recycle old and/or unwanted computers and other electronic items. Accepted items include: central processing units, monitors, keyboards, printers, laptop computers, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, computer mice, fax machines, recording equipment, cameras, telephones, radios and televisions – 19” or smaller. Televisions larger than 19” and large stereo units are NOT ACCEPTED.

For further information, contact the City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308.

**GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS
CHANNEL 71**

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, May 1st at 8pm: Budget Work Session with the FOP (live), **Tuesday & Thursday, May 2 & 4: 10am & 6pm** “Ask the Expert – Healthy Cooking for One or a Couple,” **7:15pm** ACE Reading Club-Greenbelt Elementary, **8:00pm** Replay of Council Budget Work Session.

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, May 3 & 5 7:00pm “G-Mix 3,” **7:30pm** Greenbelt Arts Center “Daughters.”

CITY OF GREENBELT

ANNUAL PET EXPO

SATURDAY, MAY 6TH
10:00AM-3:00PM
Greenbelt Community Center
15 Crescent Road
Rain or Shine

Come out for a fun filled and informative
day for you, your family and your pet.

PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY RABIES
AND LICENSING CLINIC

DIANE ROADCAP – Pet Communicator
THE COVENTRY SCHOOL FOR DOGS
featuring trainer Ruth Chase

Metropolitan Guinea Pig Rescue; Delmarva Daschund Rescue;
New Carrollton Hospital; GHI Companion Animal Committee; Maryland SPCA;
Prince George’s County SPCA; Mid – Atlantic German Shepherd Rescue;
Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue; Crunchies; Greyhound Pets of America/MD; House
Rabbit Society; PetSmart; BREW– Beagle Rescue; BROOD– Basset Hound Rescue;
Ace Wildlife Services; Small Angels Rescue;
Homeward Bound Hedgies –Hedge Hogs; Gina Wilson-Inspired by Angels;
Harnessed to Hope Northern Breed Rescue and More!
FAMILY FUN~CARICATURE ARTIST~FACE PAINTING~MOON BOUNCE~DJ
KENNY STACK~BALLOON ARTIST ~ REFRESHMENTS
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AT 301-345-5417.

AN ARTFUL AFTERNOON
Sunday, May 7, from 1-5pm at the
Greenbelt Community Center

Enjoy this monthly, free mini arts festival...

Featuring a Family Friendly Latin American concert
with Cantare at 3pm. FREE!

**APRIL SHOWERS BRING A MAY ARTFUL AFTER-
NOON, OR TWO PHILIPS AND A RAIN STICK**

1-3pm: HANDS ON PROJECT Make a rain stick with Artist-in residence Loraine DiPietro

3pm: College Park Youth Choir under the direction of Dr. Philip Silvey. Enjoy this talented, award winning choir.

ART EXHIBITION: “Hecho en Cuba: Prints by Philip Hartigan”
Exhibit runs through May 15th.

Guests can also visit working artist studios, enjoy community sculpture displays created at previous Artful Afternoons, see the “Living the Healthy Life” exhibit by the Greenbelt Museum and take a guided tour of the historic home at 10-B Crescent Road.

**For more information contact
Barbara Dickey Davis 240-542-2062**



Garden Club Supports Earth Day: Lou Vásquez, co-chair of the Greenbelt Garden Club (third from left), presents the city with a \$500 check to pay for plants installed at Hillside and Crescent during the city’s Earth Day and Arbor Day celebrations on Saturday, April 22.

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rewritten each time the A&A tax is changed.

Also adopted by unanimous vote was a resolution setting the A&A tax at one percent for movie theaters, effective in FY07. The tax had been previously set at 10 percent. According to the memorandum between the city and Beltway Plaza, the tax will be restored to 10 percent in five years.

Local Post Office

Roosevelt Center merchants are still looking at opening a postal unit in the Center, according to Councilmember Konrad Herling, who had attended a meeting of the merchants’ association. Council and many senior citizens hope to keep a postal facility within walking distance.

Herling said there is support for the provision of transportation to the new post office on Ha-

nover Parkway in Greenbelt East. He also noted that the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union has joined the Co-op in selling stamps.

Budget Hearing

Early in the meeting Mayor Judith Davis suspended the meeting to open a public hearing on the proposed budget for the next fiscal year. When no one came forward to speak after repeated invitations to do so, Davis reconvened the city council meeting.

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this money could be used to build a new fire station in Greenbelt.

Vertical School?

Eleanor Roosevelt High School Principal Sylvester Conyers asked why nobody has proposed expanding the middle school vertically so that a smaller amount of land is needed. He cited Bladensburg High School as a successful example of vertical development.

When concern was raised that the high school population would also strain resources, Conyers confidently assured those at the meeting that his faculty is able to deal with large student bodies. ERHS, with 2,900 students, is the second largest high school in the state. At one point, the school enrolled as many as 3,200 students.

“Students really don’t mind a large student body. It’s mostly parents that complain. But there’s no discernible drop in services or quality thereof due to the amount of students. Sure there are challenges administering large schools

but we’ve proved we can handle it,” said Conyers.

Councilmember Edward Putens noted that AIMCO isn’t the only business whose development proposal will put a strain on school capacity. The owners of Beltway Plaza are seeking to construct residential apartments on the north side of the mall. Councilmember Rodney Roberts decried the proposal, saying that residential development on Greenbelt Road will only increase traffic congestion.

Grant Money

Peters received a significant amount of grant money for District 4 this year, much of which went to Greenbelt. ERHS received \$26,500 to construct a new coach’s box in the gymnasium. Greenbelt also received a grant to install a traffic light at the Greenbelt Road and Lakecrest Drive intersection. Councilmember Leta Mach applauded the light for making roadways safer for pedestrians.

“As a rule, I try to give Greenbelt half of the grant money I receive every year,” said Peters, adding that he also received \$100,000 for the construction of a Greenbelt skateboard park. He recognized that many citizens are concerned with soaring property taxes and was proud to say this year’s budget actually calls for a tax decrease. He explained that Prince George’s County has been blessed with “incredible financial fortunes the past four years as a result of house values skyrocketing.”

Smith Center Shows “New Dances”

The UM Department of Dance presents “New Dances” on Friday, May 5 at 5 p.m. This free informal showing of new work will take place in the Dance Theatre of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.



In the Greenbelt Arts Center production of Shakespeare’s “Two Gentlemen of Verona,” which is starting Friday, April 28, Proteus (Ryan Anthony) comforts the banished Valentine (Chris Fominaya) as Launce (Sandy Irving) looks on.

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mail. If identification is not provided at the time of registration by mail, people may have to show identification before voting.

While candidates cannot receive money from developers, a twist or loophole remains. If the candidate runs as part of a slate, the slate can be given money.

Although the delegation sought to have a paper trail from the new voting machines as many citizens had requested, that will not happen this year. Passed by the House of Delegates, the bill reached a stalemate in the state Senate. The idea of a viable paper trail was discussed in the Senate but some believed it would be better to wait until the 2008 elections. It seemed to be too close to the time of the election to shift machines and there would not be enough time to train workers. Colbert said there

is no perfect voting equipment.

School Board

The Prince George’s County school board will be an elected board this year. School board elections are non-partisan. This year all school board candidates will be elected at-large instead of individually in the nine districts.

Five districts will have residency requirements, four will not. The residency requirement is that the person who files in that district must live in that district.

Voter Information

Voter information will be recorded electronically so it will be impossible for people to vote more than one time. An electronic book will be available for all poll workers to use.

For questions about the election people may call the Prince George’s County Board of Elections at 301-952-3270.

Publlick Playhouse

Wednesday, May 10
10:15 am & 12 pm

American Family Theatre brings a musical version of this favorite classic to the Playhouse stage.
Tickets: \$6, \$5 groups of 10

Alice in Wonderland

301-277-1710 TTY 301-277-3012

Prince George's Publick Playhouse

Come to the
COLLEGE PARK FARMER'S MARKET
Local farmers and vendors offering fresh fruits, vegetables, garlic, bakery goods, jellies, potted herb plants, bedding plants, cut flowers and herbal products

5211 Paint Branch Parkway
(formerly Calvert Road)
in College Park – across from Airport

We're starting earlier this year!
April 29 through November 18
Saturdays from 7am – 12noon

CALLING ALL CANDIDATES
for
GHI Board of Directors, Audit (Board Oversight) and
Nominations and Elections Committee Elections

Candidate Consent Forms due to GHI offices by
5:00pm May 5, 2006. Forms can be picked up at the
GHI offices or call Debbie Cooley 301-441-9158.

Annual Meeting May 18, 2006

PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS!
Greenbelt Homes, Inc.

Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department.
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Rape

April 17, 9:10 p.m., 40 Court Ridge Road, a woman reported that she was sexually assaulted April 11 inside a residence. The suspects are known to the woman and investigation is ongoing.

Robberies

April 17, 11:19 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road, a cab driver reported that he responded to a request for a taxi in the 9100 block of Edmonston Road. When he arrived he was approached by two young men, who entered the back seat area of the cab. One of them began to choke the victim from behind, using either a piece of rope or a wire and announced a robbery. The cab driver then drove toward a trash dumpster at a high rate of speed in an effort to scare the young men. They jumped from the vehicle and fled the scene on foot. The cab driver declined treatment for minor injuries. The suspects are described as two black males, 15 to 18 years of age with black hair and brown eyes. One was 5'8" to 5'10", 135 to 145 pounds, wearing a black shirt; the other weighed 185 to 200 pounds, wearing a white T-shirt.

April 17, 2:03 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, a man reported that he was walking to his vehicle when he was tackled from behind by two other men. The suspects kicked the man several times and announced a robbery. One produced a handgun while the second removed money from the man's wallet and then both fled the scene on foot. The victim declined medical treatment for minor injuries. The suspects are described as two black males, 20 to 25 years of age, 6'1" to 6'2" with black hair and brown eyes, wearing all black clothing.

April 17, 2:20 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, a man reported that he was walking to a residence when he was approached by two men, one armed with what appeared to be a fake handgun. They told the man to stop but he began to fight them off instead. One man struck the victim in the head with the plastic gun, which broke apart. Both assailants fled the scene on foot toward Cherrywood Terrace. They are described as two black males, wearing black hooded jackets. The victim was treated on the scene for a head laceration.

April 18, 6:38 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a woman reported that she was loading groceries into her vehicle in the front parking lot when a vehicle pulled next to hers. An occupant reached out of the car and pulled a small purse from the woman's wrist. After a brief struggle the occupants and their vehicle fled the scene, described as possibly a Ford 4-door, Maryland tags 8AZW20. The robbers are described as a Latino male in his twenties with a heavy build, dark hair and a mustache, wearing a black hat turned backward, a white shirt and a blue jean shirt and a Latino female in her twenties with a heavy build and long, dark hair.

April 19, 10:46 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, three persons reported that they were walking home when they were approached by four men. One produced a gun and announced a robbery. After obtaining money from all three, the men fled the

scene on foot. The robbers are described as a black male, 6' to 6'2" with brown eyes, wearing all black clothing and a black mask; and three black males, 20 to 25 years of age, 5'8" to 5'10" with black hair, wearing dark clothing.

April 21, 2:08 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, two people sitting in a work van doing paperwork were approached by two men, both armed with handguns. One pulled the passenger from the vehicle and assaulted him, punching and kicking him several times. The other opened the driver's door, punched the driver and took his wallet. The driver drove from the scene, at which time both men hit and kicked the victim who was out of the van. Both robbers then fled the scene on foot. The passenger victim was transported by ambulance for treatment of his injuries. The robbers are described as two black males with black hair, wearing all black clothing.

Obstruction Arrest

April 15, 3:50 a.m., 6500 block Greenbelt Road, a resident man was arrested and charged with obstructing a police officer after police stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. The driver had a suspended license and the officer was in the process of impounding the vehicle when he was approached by a friend of the driver. The friend began interfering with police, shouting and causing the officer to divert his attention from the impoundment. The man was arrested and released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Theft

April 13, 7:43 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, a petition was filed for theft on a 13-year-old resident youth after he was observed attempting to steal a bicycle from the patio of a residence.

April 18, 9000 block Edmonston Court, a nonresident youth was arrested for auto theft, theft under \$500, unauthorized use and malicious destruction. Police responded to a report of a vehicle being driven recklessly in the 8900 block of Edmonston Road. A vehicle matching the description given was found unoccupied in the 9000 block of Edmonston Court. Investigation revealed that the vehicle had just been stolen from the 6100 block of Springhill Terrace. Police observed several juveniles entering the vehicle, a 1996 Honda Accord 4-door. As police approached the scene the juveniles ran from the area. The youth who was arrested had been observed getting into the driver's seat. The youth was apprehended after a short foot chase and was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system. The other suspects are described as four black males wearing dark clothing.

Counterfeit Currency

April 14, 5 p.m., Beltway Plaza, unknown person(s) passed a counterfeit \$20 bill at the Three Brother's Restaurant.

April 15, 7:44 p.m., 5707 Cherrywood Lane, a cashier at the Shell Food Mart reported that a person came into the store and attempted to pay for merchandise with a counterfeit \$50 bill. When the cashier determined that the bill was counterfeit, the person paid for the merchandise with a real \$20 bill and exited the store. A short

time later a second person entered the store and attempted to purchase gas with a different counterfeit \$50 bill. When the cashier told the second person that the bill was counterfeit, both suspects fled the area in a vehicle described as a gray 2002 Cadillac STS with dark tinted windows, possibly bearing Virginia tags 9132NB. The suspects were described as a black female, 25 years of age, thin with dark hair in shoulder-length braids, wearing a white shirt and blue jeans; and a black male, 27 to 28 years of age, 5'4" with a thin build, dark hair and a full beard, wearing a gray shirt.

Fake ID

April 14, 10:06 a.m., 6000 block Breezewood Drive, a resident man was arrested and charged with two counts of possession of a fictitious government ID card after police stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. The driver was found to be in possession of a fake Resident Alien card and a fake Social Security card. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Trespass

April 21, 12:01 a.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, a nonresident youth was arrested for trespass after he was stopped by police who were investigating a robbery. He previously had been banned from the apartment complex by agents of the property. The youth was released to Boy's Village in Cheltenham, pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Burglaries

April 14, 10:55 a.m., 46 Court Ridge Road, it was reported that unknown person(s) used a ladder to enter the second floor of a residence. Money, a video game player, video games, jewelry, a shotgun and 9mm semiautomatic handgun were taken.

April 16, 7:52 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace, it was reported that unknown person(s) used unknown means to enter a residence. A man's watch and a camcorder were taken.

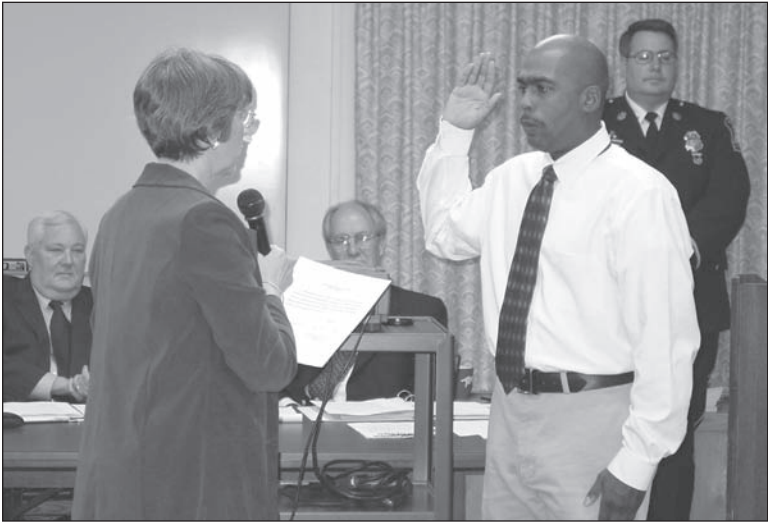
April 18, 1:21 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Court, a 15-year-old Greenbelt youth was arrested and charged with burglary after he allegedly broke into a residence by breaking out the rear window of an apartment. The youth was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Vehicle Crimes

Two vehicles were reported stolen: a burgundy 2003 Ford Econoline van, D.C. tags BY3121 from the 7800 block Greenbelt Road and a black 1997 Honda Civic 4-door, Maryland tags 9BLK62 from Beltway Plaza.

Three stolen vehicles were recovered, two by Greenbelt police and one by another police department. No arrests were made.

Vandalism to and theft from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7500 block Mandan Road (two incidents), 7900 block Mandan Road, 8000 block Mandan Road, 7200 block Hanoover Parkway, 7800 block Hanoover Parkway (two incidents), 100 block Lastner Lane, 3 Court Research Road, 37 Court Ridge Road, 100 block Ridge Road, Westway and Lakeside Drive, 8000 block Lakeside Drive, 9100 block Edmonston Road and 6200 block Springhill Court.



New Greenbelt Police Officer Johnnie Guy is sworn in by Mayor Judith Davis on April 24 as City Solicitor Robert Manzi (left), City Manager Michael McLaughlin and Captain Thomas Kemp look on.

AEDs Now in Place For Police Use

The Greenbelt Police Department now has six Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) for use in emergencies. One is located at the main headquarters at 550 Crescent Road, a second at the police substation at Beltway Plaza and the remaining four are located in cruisers for each patrol squad.

An AED is a device about the size of a laptop computer that analyzes the heart's rhythm for any abnormalities and, if necessary, directs the rescuer to deliver an electrical shock to the victim. This shock, called defibrillation, may help the heart to reestablish an effective rhythm of its own.

Sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) cases are usually due to arrhythmias – abnormal heart rhythms, the majority of which are ventricular fibrillation. Ventricular fibrillation is a condition in which the heart's electrical impulses suddenly become chaotic, causing the heart to cease pumping blood effectively. Victims of SCA collapse and quickly lose conscious-

New Police Officer Meets Council

The Greenbelt Police Department has acquired a new officer. Mayor Judith Davis administered the oath of office to Johnnie Guy during the Greenbelt City Council meeting on Monday, April 24.

Guy has recently moved to Greenbelt from Smithfield, Va., whose department he served as a field training officer and breath alcohol operator. He also worked in bike control and criminal investigation. Guy was the winner of the Virginia State Police's "Help Eliminate Auto Theft" Program Award.

Once a Marine, Guy comes to Greenbelt with police officer experience dating back to 1995. He served in several jurisdictions in Virginia.

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Summer Program Offered at Martial Arts School

by David Higgins

As the school year winds down, working parents are once again faced with the task of occupying their children while they themselves are occupied. Be it sports practices, outdoor camps or summer reading programs, parents struggle to find an activity that is personally fulfilling and that their child enjoys.

For parents faced with this annual dilemma, Master Navid Shahraki would like to introduce them to Kim's Karate, a private gym that teaches martial arts to area youth. Shahraki, 37, is head instructor at the gym he originally opened in Greenbelt in 1986. Kim's Karate moved to Eastgate Shopping Center off Greenbelt Road in Lanham several years ago to accommodate a larger gymnasium. Currently 200 active students are enrolled in one of Kim's Karate programs, ranging in age

from 4 to 70 years old. While Kim's Karate teaches students the art of self defense, Shahraki insists the teaching is about "more than just kicking and punching." Aside from learning karate every day, students in the summer camp go roller skating and go-carting, visit parks, play laser tag and even visit Six Flags. The summer camp is offered in week-long sessions, though a minimum of three weeks is required to sign up. The camp lasts from 7 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. every day.

While the camp is relatively expensive, Shahraki urges people to see the value in the expense. All the fees and admission prices are included in tuition. Students need to bring their own lunches but the gym provides recreational equipment. Students also receive greater personal attention than is often given at summer camps. There is one instructor for every 10 students.

be disrespectful. We strive to improve their moral character," said Shahraki, a 5th degree Black Belt who himself is a product of Kim's Karate. Shahraki said he dragged his mother to the Kim's Karate in Baltimore as a four-year-old to receive karate lessons. He's been hooked ever since. He opened the Greenbelt location as a way to give back to the sport that has given him so much. Another instructor, Master Christopher Smith, is also a Kim's Karate alum.

Tournament

About 20 students from Kim's Karate in Lanham competed at a tournament in Washington, D.C., in February. Every student placed in the top three in his or her division, many of whom took first place. Master Navid and Master Chris also competed in their division; both took first place. Shahraki says the overwhelming success at the tournament is a testament to the student's hard work and dedication. He is taking students to another tournament in Oxon Hill the weekend of May 7.

Shelly Henderson, a mother of two from Bowie, has sent both her children to Kim's Karate for several years. She said her children love the gym, especially summer camp. She regrets that Kim's Karate does not offer scholarships so that all children are able to experience the camp. She feels fortunate that her children are able to enroll.

Henderson said the self-defense training has done wonders for her 8-year-old son's confidence. He suffered a stroke when he was four and has undergone occupational

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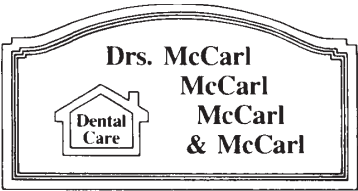


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Bill Phelan demonstrates good planting techniques.

At right, Mayor Judith Davis pitched in to help collect trash along Kenilworth Avenue.



Above, Vivian Barnett shows some of the small trash volunteers collected.



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At right, Councilmember Konrad Herling helps Vivian Barnett, Grace Kendall and Kristen Beauchamp as they collect trash near the stream.



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Matt Berres, GHI Woodlands Committee, helps with planting 400 trees.



Long-time Greenbelt Peace Activitists to Attend MUPJ

by Neil Deo

Greenbelt is on the map when it comes to peace activism that bequeaths the state of Maryland enduring organizations and life-long peacemakers. One of the former is MUPJ, or Maryland United for Peace and Justice, which holds its 21st annual conference this weekend, April 28-29.

Local residents Esther Webb and Bert Donn were closely involved in founding MUPJ. Webb also contributes beyond the county and state levels through the Quaker organization, for instance, in having also co-founded the Institute of Positive Action (IPA). Lifelong peace activist Becky Otter recalled working with Greenbelters Webb and Donn during the 1970s and 1980s.

Webb downplayed her role in helping to found IPA, giving credit instead to former resident Becky Williams. When contacted by this reporter, Williams, also known by her maiden name of Becky Otter, claimed that Webb was “the main engine” for IPA. She specifically mentioned that Webb and her co-religionists in the Middle Atlantic Friends Meeting supported IPA and its objectives of education and peace promotion for all ages, including the youth, but “outside the school curriculum,” as she expressed it.

Williams nurtures links and memories with Greenbelt. The IPA has now merged with MUPJ but former Greenbelter Williams fondly and repeatedly remembered friends, supporters, the Labor Day Festival and the News Review. “Before the internet, I relied on it for local news totally,” she said during a recent telephone interview. Williams said she had moved to Greenbelt in 1970 or 1971 after a divorce, hoping to find a friendly community. “Greenbelt proved to be more than that,” she said with enthusiasm. She also said she keeps in touch with her many friends here “a few times during the year.” She has not been able to travel much in recent years but last visited Greenbelt in 1992.

She left Greenbelt in 1989 for the Eastern Shore where she now lives with her husband Paul Morehead. Williams has continued her peace education work and mentioned Bladensburg Elementary School, which is called a “Peace School” by its principal; she also started a new group since her move, Talbot County Peace and Education Effort.

The efforts of Donn, Williams and Webb have given Maryland MUPJ-IPA an intimate, workshop-style conference every year during spring. Generous prizes awarded



to students come from a bequest of Fred Benjamin, whose son Ron is a Greenbelt resident. Students who participate in the Fred Benjamin Peace Essay Contest are 9th through 12th graders attending Maryland high schools.

Three \$200 cash prizes and several smaller awards for peace essays or related submissions will be awarded on Saturday. This is a highlight each year when the winning student(s) and sponsoring teacher(s) are honored, the student usually reading his or her essay, while art submissions are displayed around the conference venue.

Baltimore’s Seton-Keough High School is the location for this year’s conference.

Saturday will showcase the most interactive part of this 21st Annual Peace, Justice and Environmental Conference. It will open with the theme “Creating a Culture of Peace.” Among the participants are the Rev. Mac Legerton, Center for Community Action, North Carolina and Bill Jenkins of the Washington Buddhist Peace Fellowship, who will focus on “Paradigm Shifting.”

Other Connections

The Presbyterian Church in Berwyn Heights has hosted the MUPJ-IPA conference at their church location on Greenbelt Road twice over the past 21 years. Neither retirement nor health issues have stopped Webb and Donn from helping to plan and also attend the annual conference that is held in Maryland each spring on a rotating basis.

Donn and this reporter went to Annapolis last month where both testified before the Maryland Senate in support of a bill sponsored by Senator Gwendolyn Britt to establish a task force on non-violence. Separately, they also do educational work in promoting nonviolence.

Donn led a workshop on non-violence at the Greenbelt Community Center last fall that covered personal, family, community and international aspects of theory and practice of nonviolence over several Tuesday evenings.

Details about the April 28 MUPJ-IPA conference may be found on the website www.MUPJ.org or by calling Tony Langbehn at 301-309-9684 or Esther Webb at 301-474-6890. Anyone desiring to carpool to Baltimore on Saturday may call Webb or Donn at 301-474-1353.

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